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SENATE COMMITTEE ON REFORMS AND RESTRUCTURING

Minutes for March 2, 2010

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Reforms and Restructuring was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in Room 110 of the Farnum Building. Senator Bishop called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Bishop, Gilbert, George, Kuipers, Prusi, Hunter, and Cherry
Excused: None
Absent: None

The Agenda Summary is as follows:

SB 1046 – Testimony Only
SB 1047 – Testimony Only
SJR-P – Testimony Only

The Chair began by taking roll and asking members to approve the committee minutes from February 24, 2010. A motion was offered by Senator Gilbert, support given by Senator Prusi, and the members approved the committee minutes by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Approval of the minutes from the 2-24-10 meeting:

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Gilbert, George, Prusi, Hunter, and Cherry
Nays: None

The Chair then turned the members' attention to the bills on the day's agenda, Senate Bills 1046, 1047 and Senate Joint Resolution P.

Senator Sanborn introduced and explained SB 1047.

Senator Jansen introduced and explained SB 1046 and SJR-P.

Discussion and questions followed.

Mike Shibler, Superintendent of Rockford Public Schools, testified in support of SB 1046.

Jon Felske, Superintendent of Wyoming Public Schools & Gladwin Heights School District, testified in support of SB 1046.

Discussion and questions followed.

Don Sovey representing Charlotte Public Schools testified in support of SB 1046.

Dave Campbell representing Olivet Community Schools testified in support of SB 1046

Ellen Hoekstra representing the I.U.C.E. Local 324 testified in opposition to SB 1046 & SJR-P as initially introduced and is still reviewing the substitutes.

Michael Keller representing the AFL-CIO testified in opposition to SB 1046 & SJR-P.

Ben Bodkin representing MAC and Commissioner David Stimpson from Lenawee County testified in support of SB 1047 and is still reviewing the other legislation.

Samantha Harkins representing MML testified in support to the concept of SB 1046 & SB 1047.

Mike Devault representing MASA & Macomb ISD testified in support of the legislation.

Don Wotruba representing the Michigan Association of School Boards testified in support of SB 1046.

Discussion and questions followed.

Louise Somalski representing AFT of Michigan testified in opposition of SB 1046, SB 1047, & SJR-P.

Michael Boulus representing the Presidents Council State Universities of Michigan testified on the legislation.

Discussion and questions followed.

The Chair then read the card of those not wishing to testify:

- Luke Pickelman representing MI Community College Association is neutral with concerns on SB 1046 and provided written testimony.
- Nick Ciaramitaro representing AFSCME & MSEA in opposition to the legislation.
- Cythia Paul representing SEIU is opposed to SB 1046 & SJR-P.
- Kim Teachout representing UAW is opposed to SB 1046, SB 1047, & SJR-P.
- Ray Holman representing UAW Local 6006 is opposed to SB 1046 & SB 1047.
- Paul Hufnagel representing Michigan Professional Firefighters Union opposes SB 1046.

- Kristin Beltzer representing Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce supports SB 1046, SB 1047, & SJR-P.
- Dawn Crandall representing MI Association of Home Builders is supports SB 1046, SB 1047, & SJR-P.
- Charles Owens representing NFIB supports SB 1046, SB 1047, & SJR-P.
- Jim Holcomb representing Michigan Chamber of Commerce supports SB 1046 & SB 1047.
- Paul Hufnagel representing Michigan Professional Firefighters Union opposes SB 1046.
- Joelle Demand representing Michigan Bankers Association supports SB 1046, SB 1047, & SJR-P.
- Andy Deloney representing Michigan Restaurant Association supports SB 1046, SB 1047, & SJR-P.
- Bonnie Bochniak representing Michigan Business & Professional Association supports SB 1046, SB 1047, & SJR-P.
- Dave Ladd representing Northern Michigan Schools Legislative Association supports of SB 1046 & SB 1047.
- Mike Johnston representing MMA supports SB 1046, SB 1047, & SJR-P.

Being no further testimony, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.